

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 17, 2009

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 17, 2009, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:12 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Marrella)

Edward S. Wilensky
Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
James Murphy
Wayne V. Estey
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)

Council Members Absent

Philip T. Ashton

Staff Members Present:

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Robert L. Marconi
Assistant Attorney General
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Chairman Caruso introduced Kevin DelGobbo Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control. Chairman DelGobbo was a former Representative who served on the Energy & Technology Committee and is well versed on the Council's charge. He further commented that the Council faces difficult challenges and encouraged the Council to continue to embrace their tasks.

Minutes of August 27, 2009.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. F-2009 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Draft Report.

Mr. Lynch moved for the Council to produce an abbreviated report to serve as an update to last years forecast, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 323 - MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 12 Carpenter Road, Bolton, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 343 - MCF Communications bg, Inc and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 237 Sandy Hollow Road, Groton, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 344 - MCF Communications bg, Inc and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Rich Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 345 - MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Exeter Drive in Sterling, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to table the aforementioned Transfer of Certificates (items 3-6), seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 346 - Implementation of Section 8 and Section 54 of Public Act No. 07-242 An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency. Draft White Paper.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 369 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Sherman Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Estey. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 373 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street, Avon, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

After reviewing the draft opinions, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Golembiewski, and Mr. Estey unanimously in favor of granting a Certificate for a 110-foot monopole with exterior flush mount antennas at Site 3.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 370 - Consolidated proceeding pursuant to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) Request for Proposal (RFP) process under C.G.S. §16a-7c. Original application: The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, or potentially including an alternate portion that traverses the municipalities of Suffield and Enfield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Competing application: NRG Energy, Inc. application pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50/(a)(3) for consideration of a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut. NRG's Motion for Access.

Mr. Tait moved to allow Parties and Intervenors a 15 day period in which to submit comments on NRG's motion and then in 30 days from this meeting the Council will take up a motion to strike the testimony in question. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

(Council Member Dan Lynch departed. 3:00 p.m.)

DOCKET NO. 379 - SBA Tower II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 12 Burr Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Golembiewski and Mr. Estey in favor of granting a Certificate for a proposed telecommunications facility.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 383 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 316 Perkins Road, Southbury, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the application as complete and approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Jessica Brito-Weston as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Southbury, and a public field review and hearing in Southbury on Tuesday, November 24, 2009; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 384 - Phoenix Partnership, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 50 Devine Street, North Haven, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the application as complete and approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of North Haven, and a public field review and hearing in North Haven on Tuesday, December 1, 2009; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve intervenor status for Youghioghney Communications d/b/a Pocket Wireless, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 915 - Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at Rocky Hill Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition with the condition that the overgrown vegetation surrounding T-Mobile's equipment be removed, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2011 Budget.

No action was taken on this item.

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Administrative Matters.

Mr. Phelps announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Mr. Wilensky moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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